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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**GRAY, COLLINS, HWANG, GODFREY,
KOWBEL, and ROMMENS**

Application No.: 08/731,499

Filed: 10/16/1996

For: **GENES FROM THE 20q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

Examiner: Nancy Johnson

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;

Please amend the specification and claims as shown herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.